



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: HOLTZAPPLE, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/698,199  
Filing Date: October 31, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 1744  
Confirmation No.: 9996  
Examiner: William H. Beisner  
Title: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PRETREATMENT  
AND PROCESSING OF BIOMASS**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed August 12, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments and/or the comments set forth below.